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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Progress to Date on the U-2R Export Proposal

1. In accordance with your instructions, I have been pursuing the U-2R export scheme since the departure of [REDACTED] I have taken the following actions:

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a. I have met with the Chiefs of each of the principal DD/P Area Divisions, except for the WE/EE group which is in the midst of an immediate reorganization. It will emerge as something known as the European Division headed by [REDACTED] with whom I hope to talk with this week. Each of the Division Chiefs has suggested countries within his sphere where the proposal might be accepted, either on an outright procurement basis or as a subsidized entity [REDACTED] In a later paper I will attempt to consolidate these countries and group them according to geography, economics, and intelligence considerations.

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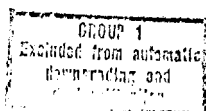
b. I have met on two occasions with Kelly Johnson and his principal henchmen, [REDACTED] and I now have from Lockheed a first approximation cost proposal for their portion of the export scheme.

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c. I have also met with P&W Division of UAC on engine support and procurement and they will have their inputs in my hands on 11 May.

d. I have also requested Eastman-Kodak to give us cost estimates on self-contained processing and developing capability for each unit, as in the case of the airframe and engine people, I have asked that these costs include not only initial procurement but spare parts, tech rep manpower, and operating costs for one year after procurement.

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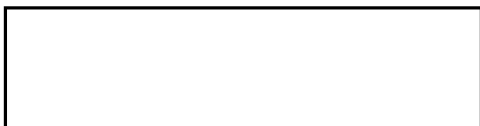
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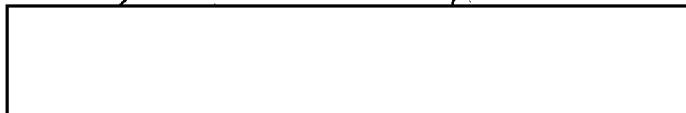


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2. I have not met further with General Geary on this whole matter, and will await your guidance as to the degree to which you wish him clued in. The basic premise I have attempted to establish is that if this proposal carries, it should start with the basic premise that the logistics and support required from the USAF should be minimal, and that resupply wherever possible should be done by commercial air channels. I would hope to be able to wrap the entire package up for you by the end of the month with a complete staff study.

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